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## RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT

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In response to the Final Office Action mailed December 26, 2008 in the above identified application, reconsideration is respectfully requested in view of the following amendments and remarks. Applicants, by the undersigned attorney, respectfully petition the Commissioner for Patents under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the time for filing this Response so that the Amendment and Response filed herewith will be considered timely filed.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 4 of this paper.

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